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SUBJ: FERROMANGANESE PLANT SOFAFERRO IS LAUNCHED

1. ON APRIL 22, NEW GABONESE COMPANY SOGAFERRO FORMALLY LAUNCHED WITH RECEPTION PROVIDED OVER BY MINISTER OF MINES MBOUY-BOUTZIT. RAISON D'ETRE OF SOGAFERRO (SOCIETE GABONAISE DES FERRO-ALLIAGES) IS TO BUILD AND OPERATE FERROMANGANESE PLANT NEAR FRANCEVILLE. COMPANY HAS CAPITAL OF ABOUT DOLS 5 MILLION AND EXPECTS TO INVEST ABOUT DOLS 50 MILLION TO BUILD FACTORY. SOGAFERRO'S MAKE-UP AS FOLLOWS: 25 PERCENT JAPANESE FIRM OKURA TRADING, CONSORTIUM LEADER; 15 PERCENT COMILOG, LOCAL MANGANESE COMPANY OF WHICH 44 PERCENT OWNED BY U.S. STEEL; 10 PERCENT GOG; 10 PERCENT UNION CARBIDE; AND 10 PERCENT EACH FOR FRENCH, NORWEGIAN, BELGIAN AND ITALIAN FIRMS.

2. FACTORY'S ENTRY INTO OPERATION DEPENDENT ON TWO FACTORS: (A) CONSTRUCTION OF GRAND POUBARA DAM TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POWER, AND (B) COMPLETION OF TRANSGABON RAILROAD TO EVACUATE PLANT'S PRODUCT. ENGINEERING WORK FOR DAM EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY 1977 AND ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROCESS OF DAM EXPECTED TO TAKE FIVE YEARS, WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR 1981. LIBREVILLE-FRANCEVILLE LEG OF TRANSGABON RAILROAD SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY 1981, THUS CONSTRUCTION

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ON FERROMANGANESE PLANT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO BUILD, EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 1978

OR 1979. SUGGEST THAT ANY AMERICAN FIRMS INTERESTED IN
THIS PROJECT CONTACT USDOC AND UNION CARBIDE.

3. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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